

## GERMANS WRECK SHIPS IN NEW YORK

Loss Will Approximate \$30,000,000 in Sabotage Without Parallel in History.

### DESTRUCTION IS SIGNALLED

Twenty-nine Vessels Affected. Captains Cut Advance News From Capital.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Engines in every German and Austrian ship imprisoned in New York harbor by the British navy have been deliberately wrecked. Officers of German blood who know the truth estimate that \$30,000,000 worth of irreplaceable marine machinery was smashed or made useless in the few hours before Count von Bernstorff delivered to the Government of the United States the defiant message from Germany.

Sabotage on a scale so magnificent is without parallel in history. With out the slightest hesitation, and on the mere hint from high officials whose hints are never slighted, the persons in authority delivered to ax and crowbar the finest products of the marine machine shops of Hamburg and Bremen. There was no questioning or reluctance. The ruin was ordered as a duty to be endured for the good of the fatherland.

### Patriotic Motive.

The German conception of patriotism was the impelling motive for the frightful destructiveness that obtained in the engine room caverns while members of the United States neutrality squad and policemen patrolled the piers of Hoboken and Manhattan, as unaware of what was going on as if they had been in Alaska. The German powers that be glanced far ahead of the hour when a state of war may be declared to exist between the central powers and the United States, perceived the probability, or at least possibility, that their merchant fleet here would be used to carry food and supplies to England, their most hated enemy, and promptly did their best to make the big ships no better than hulks. The work of destruction was signalled and executed secretly, smoothly, and effectively.

### Had News in Advance.

Long before the telegraph flashed from Washington on January 31 the news that thrilled the nation, German shipping interests here were aware of the purport of what von Bernstorff was to hand to the Secretary of State and were under no illusions as to probable consequences. In apprehension of just such a situation of a time when the engines had to be put out of commission if opportunity was not to be surrendered permanently, a code had been arranged. It was impossible to use the telephone. The persons with the right to give orders were aware that the telephones to the steamships are under espionage. Wireless plants of course had been sealed or dismantled long before. It was necessary to convey the order directly and by voice.

### Secret Agents Gave the Word.

Last Wednesday therefore a German in street clothes stepped quietly aboard every Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd liner in the port, chatted with officers a few minutes quite openly on deck, went below for a half litre of beer, drank to the health of the Kaiser and as quietly reappeared on deck and went ashore. There was no one to question the movements of any one of these inconspicuous agents, since any persons, German or otherwise, who could get by the pier guards have been at liberty to visit the idle ships. In fact, goings and comings had attracted no notice at all up to the present crisis. The German ships have been lively social centers. Banquets, private dinner parties, dances, kaffe klatches, and amusing entertainments have been held aboard many of them. Customs guards and police hadn't the slightest reason to scent the extraordinary developments. They don't know the who's who as it is.

### These quietly moving visitors that boarded the ships at Hoboken, the five ships tied up off 135th street in the North river, the ships at South Brooklyn were the messengers of destruction, each bearing a code word that meant scrapping \$30,000,000 worth of splendid engines.

### Smashing Began at Once.

They had scarcely left the ships when the smashing commenced. The run has information from men of unquestionable veracity and honor as to the extent of the dismantling and as to the general methods employed. For months the essential, vital, or easily removable parts of the engines had been chalked with cryptic signs—signs comprehensible only to the engineers' assistants. When the order came to act the engine crews were put to work removing such parts as could be unscrewed, unbolted or readily disconnected.

### For a day or two, or until it became apparent that the United States authorities might demand and enforce the extrajudicial right of boarding the vessels and thoroughly inspecting them, the removed parts were hidden, some of them in strange places.

In one vessel at Hoboken brass fittings were bundled up and hidden in a boiler furnace, one that was idle, although the furnace next to it was in use. In some of the ships packages were concealed under rubbish in the lower holds. Very recently, however, these vital fittings had been disposed of—sent ashore a piece or two at a time or sunk in the harbor.

### Axes and Crowbars Used.

But the dismantling did not stop with harmless removals. The conviction on the part of the persons responsible for the destruction that war is coming and that war means the use of the German ships here to help feed the English was so strong that it induced them to ply crowbar and

## WETS WIN IN FIRST DRY BILL SKIRMISH

House District Committee Votes Not to Lengthen Daily Sessions.

(Continued from First Page.)

Referendum Association, the Pastors' Federation and citizens. Two national officers of the W. C. T. U. were present.

Discussion in the committee today ranged from a debate on procedure to whether the Sheppard bill "would permit a fellow to give a friend a drink in his own house."

### Would Prohibit Friendly Drinking.

Congressman Barkley said he was inclined to believe a strict interpretation of the bill would prohibit such friendly drinking, but this was a matter ultimately for decision by the courts.

At this juncture Congressman James Hamill of New Jersey observed:

"What! Do you mean to say that if a friend comes to my house I can't go to the closet and offer him a drink? I don't use it myself, but I would certainly like to know if I am to be prohibited from giving a drink to a friend."

Congressman Barkley again fell back on the courts, saying this would depend largely upon court decisions.

Congressman Hamill said the Sheppard bill prohibiting "giving away" of intoxicating liquors.

### Adjournment Interrupted.

Congressman Barkley had barely begun to analyze the bill section by section when the hour of adjournment arrived.

"Our side is willing to conclude the presentation of its case tomorrow," said Mr. Barkley. "This bill is well understood, and there is no necessity, we believe, for extended hearings."

When it was suggested that the hearings would run on for several days unless the committee puts a time limit upon them, Congressman Barkley intervened.

"What if the hearings do continue for two or three days or so. This is a very important matter, and citizens of the District clearly have a right to be heard."

### Motion Met Opposition.

Congressman Hilliard's motion to dispense with the regular adjournment hour and sit while the House is in session met immediate opposition.

Congressman Burke moved to amend by stipulating that so long as the House is in session, the regular adjournment bills are being debated in the House the committee shall adjourn at the regular hour. Mr. Burke said in this moment of national importance members should attend to preparatory matters on the floor.

Congressman Car moved to table the Hilliard motion and the proposed amendment thereto. The carry motion carried nine to seven as follows:

Ayes—Hamill, Lobeck, Burke, Dooling, Ball, Wilson, Carr, Darrow, and Goussard.

Nays—Cresser, Vinson, Hilliard, Mapes, Wheeler, Oakley, and Johnson.

Present—Lloyd, paired with Tinkham.

### Those At Hearing.

In the committee room today were Miss Anna Gordon, national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. Margaret Dye Lolis, national superintendent of the legislative department of the W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Emma Sanford Shelton, president of the District W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Ellis A. Yost, representing the West Virginia branch of the W. C. T. U.; Andrew Wilson, A. E. Shoemaker, and the Rev. C. D. Dinwiddie, of the Anti-Saloon League; the Rev. John MacMurray, of the Pastors' Federation; William F. Gude, Charles J. Columbus, Henry E. Davis, and H. Clay and H. J. Stables, of the District of Columbia Referendum Association.

The hearing will be resumed tomorrow morning following an executive session of the committee, which was called for 10 o'clock.

### EGG PRICES UP AGAIN

Cold Weather Sends Price to Figure of Two Weeks Ago.

Eggs are again entrenched behind the prices that prevailed two weeks ago, returning to from 50 to 55 cents a dozen wholesale today.

This price will probably continue as long as cold weather continues, dealers stated.

As high as 70 cents a dozen retail was asked for eggs in several stores today. Other stores sold strictly fresh eggs for as low as 45 cents a dozen. These stores had procured a supply before the sudden leap in price.

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Senator Poindexter Calls Promotion Insidious Attack on Navy Personnel.

Denouncing the appointment of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, aide to the President, to medical director and rear admiral, as "an insidious attack on the personnel of the navy," Senator Poindexter of Washington stirred up a row in the Senate today over the appointment.

Senator Poindexter said the chief reason for the promotion, he at first thought, was because Dr. Grayson was a Virginian, but on looking into the facts, he found there were eight Virginians who were his seniors as naval medical officers.

### Asks Executive Session.

Senator Poindexter was proceeding to urge the resolution for consideration of the promotion in open session. Senator Pittman moved an executive session. Senator La Follette supported Senator Poindexter.

A warm wrangle followed and finally Vice President Marshall said he would enforce the rules and declare an executive session.

An executive session was ordered and the Senate met behind closed doors.

After the Senate went into executive session a motion was passed on a roll call, the effect of which was to provide for consideration of the Grayson case in executive session and temporarily at least to block the Poindexter resolution for consideration in the open.

### Predicts Long Fight.

Republican Senator declared that a long fight on Dr. Grayson's promotion was ahead and some of them predicted no vote would be permitted this session.

The row in executive session continued until 1 o'clock, when the Senate had agreed to consider the Stone resolution approving the action of the President with respect to Germany.

### CHEVY CHASE CITIZENS MEET.

The February meeting of the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association will be held at the school house at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

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That lies in my heart concealed. There are thoughts that have perished, And how precious to my name, In life I loved you dearly. And in death I do the same. My heart is ever with you. My grief too deep to tell; But time will come when we will meet And all to you I will call today.

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